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RAJYA SABHA

Rehabilitation of Surrendered Extremists Groups

1227. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken any steps to rehabilitate members of the surrendered extremist groups in Assam and NER in its para military forces;
- (b) if so, the time period fixed for it;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government are aware about the nexus of extremist groups of Assam with a nationalized political party in Assam;
- (e) if so, what steps Government have taken so far regarding the matter; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Government has introduced a scheme for Surrender-cum-Rehabilitation of militants in the North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura. The Scheme for Surrender-cum-Rehabilitation of militants in the North East is applicable to those militants who have surrendered/surrender after 01.04.1998. The Government of India reimburses the expenditure incurred as per the guidelines on the rehabilitation of surrenderees. The Scheme envisages only assistance for self employment training and the surrendered militants are to apply for self employment schemes and other employment opportunities as per normal rules applicable. Under this scheme, there is no provision to rehabilitate the surrendered militants in the para military forces.

(d) and (e) Government have received a memorandum alleging nexus of extremist group of Assam with a national level political party. This is being investigated.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply to (d) and (e) above.

Reconsideration of Extension of Ceasefire

1228. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is not a fact that Government's unilateral ceasefire in J&K has increased violence in the region;